

Washington, D.C. – U.S. Rep. Tom Rooney (FL-16) issued the following [video statement](#) after the Bureau of Labor Statistics reported this morning that the economy added just 103,000 jobs in the month of September and unemployment remained at 9.1 percent.

Video of Congressman Rooney's statement is available [HERE](#) .

Text of Congressman Rooney's statement:

"New unemployment numbers came out today, showing the economy gained about 100,000 jobs in September, and unemployment remained at 9.1 percent. This is certainly better news than August, when the economy netted ZERO new jobs, but it's far from where we need to be to help put 14 million Americans back to work. It's another sign of the failure of the first stimulus to grow the economy and create jobs.

"Given the failure of Stimulus One, the last thing we need is Stimulus Two. Even Senate Democrats aren't supporting the President's new Stimulus proposal. Since he has been unable to convince job creators, the American people, and even Senate Democrats that Stimulus Two will succeed where Stimulus One failed, I hope the President will stop campaigning, stop finger-pointing, and get back to governing.

"In the coming weeks, I'll be working on a three-part plan to jumpstart the economy and help Americans find jobs.

"First, reform the tax code. Get rid of loopholes and deductions, and replace them with across-the-board tax cuts. A tax code that is simple, fair and competitive is critical to getting our economy moving again and helping the private sector create jobs.

"Second, eliminate costly, unnecessary regulations, which even the President agrees are costing us much-needed jobs.

“Third, produce more energy here at home. This will create jobs right away in the energy sector, while reducing costs, putting more money in your wallets, and helping businesses hire new workers.

“If the President will work with us, we can find common ground on a pro-growth, pro-jobs plan - like this one - to help put Americans back to work. I hope he'll join us.”

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